

Foundation, which will create positive and dramatic impacts now and for generations to come. Arte is also the founder of the Moreno Family Foundation, which is dedicated to supporting non-profit organizations in the area. Through the foundation, Arte has made significant contributions to many notable organizations, such as the American Heart Association, the Heard Museum, the Society of St. Vincent De Paul to name only a few. In addition to Arte's inspiring philanthropic efforts, he has become a towering figure in the world of sports as the owner of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim baseball team, which conducts its spring training in Tempe, and which has won the American League Western Division championship in 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Through the kind gifts of Arte Moreno, Tempe is a more prosperous and successful city to benefit all of its residents.

Madam Speaker, I hope you will join me in recognizing Arte's remarkable benevolence and goodwill towards his community.

MERRILLVILLE ROTARY CLUB

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, marks the observance of Veterans Day, a day in which we, as a grateful nation, honor our veterans, who have pledged allegiance to their country through their service in the United States military. This day is set aside to recognize the boldness and bravery of those who have fought to uphold the standards of democracy and to defend the United States of America.

On Veterans Day, in cities and towns across America, proud citizens will pay tribute to our esteemed veterans with ceremonies, presentations, and programs to show their gratitude to those who have sacrificed so much. I would like to take this time to recognize one such event hosted by the Merrillville, Indiana, Rotary Club. On Veterans Day, the Merrillville branch of Rotary International will host an event at the Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza in Merrillville, celebrating the patriotism and pride of all veterans, while paying special tribute to 11 members of their club who served their country in the United States military and continue to serve their community as loyal Rotarians.

Founded in Chicago in 1905 as the Rotary Club of Chicago, Rotary International is the world's first service club. A global organization, Rotary now boasts more than 33,000 clubs in over 200 countries, with a membership of more than 1.2 million. At the core of Rotary International is a commitment to "providing humanitarian service, encouraging high ethical standards in all vocations, and helping to build goodwill and peace in the world." The Merrillville Rotary Club, through its commitment to improving educational opportunities for students, as well as the active role its members have taken in creating youth-oriented programs, is a true source of pride in Northwest Indiana, so it is with great pride that I join them in honoring eleven members who have selflessly served their country to preserve our freedom.

Please join me in recognizing: Dean Sangalis—Major General, United States Marine Corps, Robert Andree—Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army, Al Kuchar—Major, United States Army, Tony Fileff—First Lieutenant, United States Marine Corps, Juan Arroyo—Sergeant, United States Air Force, Ray Bryant—Sergeant, United States Army, Jerry Bernstein—Sergeant, United States Army, James Keough—First Lieutenant, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Gary Maxwell—Petty Officer First Class, United States Navy, Ray Snemis—Petty Officer Second Class, United States Navy, and Ed Dernule—Petty Officer Third Class, United States Navy Reserve.

The great sacrifice made by these men and all those who have served our country has resulted in the freedom and prosperity of our country and of countries around the world. I commend these men and all veterans who have served this country for their bravery, courage, and undying commitment to patriotism and democracy. We will forever be indebted to our veterans and their families for the sacrifices they made so that we can enjoy our freedom.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other colleagues join me in thanking the Merrillville Rotary Club for taking this opportunity to honor their veterans and in saluting these 11 men, and all veterans, who have fought for our great country.

HONORING THE 56TH BRIGADE (STRYKER) AND 2-112TH INFANTRY BATTALION (STRYKER)

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the troops of the Second of the 112th Infantry Battalion (Stryker), 56th Stryker Brigade, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania Army National Guard that was deployed and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 56th Brigade (Stryker) and 2-112th Infantry Battalion (Stryker) is the only reserve component selected to be a Stryker unit. Headquartered out of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, and based at Camp Liberty in Iraq, the brave soldiers of this Stryker unit went into the hostile Abu Ghraib sector of Iraq with approximately 800 soldiers. Company A hails from the Huntingdon-Everett area, Company B is comprised of soldiers from Altoona, and the Tyrone-Bellefonte area makes up Company C. These brave American heroes were a part of the particularly successful Stryker Task Force Paxton that conducted lethal terrorist operations against Al Qaeda and the insurgent forces. The 2-112th Infantry Battalion (Stryker) accomplished the most active and successful time sensitive enemy targeting in the highly contested Baghdad region of Iraq while suppressing the instability.

Not only have these brave men and women put their lives on the line for the peace and prosperity of our nation, but they also contributed to the betterment of another. The 2-112th Infantry Battalion (Stryker) participated in operations which improved the human and physical infrastructure of Iraq to include its economic capacity and schools. Madam

Speaker I would like to extend to these brave soldiers my most sincere personal thanks for their honorable service to our nation. They have helped maintain our security through some of our country's most trying times, as we adapt to unconventional threats. I know that my words reflect the feelings of all citizens of our Nation when I say that these men and women are true American heroes.

NATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL DAY

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of designating a National Firefighters Memorial Day. The dedicated men and women who have lost their lives in the line of duty will never be forgotten and I express my deepest gratitude for the brave work they did protecting their communities.

Firefighters are the ones running into a burning building when everyone else is running out. The sacrifices they and their families make on a daily basis are as incredible as they are honorable. These men and women embody the spirit, commitment and sacrifice that define America.

The images of firefighters on September 11, 2001 left an indelible mark on all Americans. We saw firefighters entering flaming buildings, putting others' lives ahead of their own, and standing tall when they were needed most. Their courage continues to both haunt and inspire us.

But we must remember that everyday firefighters across the country are still performing heroic acts and saving lives. Since 2006, 313 firefighters have died on the job. And every year, another 40,000 are injured. Firefighters are constantly called on to put themselves in harm's way and those that are no longer with us deserve to be recognized and celebrated.

I want to thank Representative POE for bringing House Resolution 729 to the Floor and urge the rest of my colleagues to join me in designating a National Firefighters Memorial Day to commemorate the lives of our fallen firefighters.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF LARRY METZGER

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2009

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, with great pleasure I rise to recognize the distinguished career of the CEO of the Columbus Board of Realtors, Larry Metzger.

Since World War II, homeownership has been at the root of America's vitality and growth. Where homeownership flourishes neighborhoods prosper, as residents are more civic-minded, schools stronger and streets safer. The spread of ownership and opportunity helps give us a vital stake in the future of America and the chance to realize the great